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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Operations  
FROM : Donald P. Gregg  
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Liaison and Oversight Control  
SUBJECT : Meeting with Jim Bush of House  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

1. The second session with Jim Bush of the HPSCI was held on 12 July, lasting about two hours and fifteen minutes. The first hour was spent in going over with Mr. Bush the House Appropriations Committee S&I team report. Mr. Bush was allowed to read the DDCI's letter to Chairman Mahon giving overall Agency reaction to the report, and was also shown DDO-prepared summaries of the report's major questions and compliments re the DDO. Mr. Bush read these summaries carefully, asked one or two questions [redacted]

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[redacted] and noted that there were, as he put it, "some very nice words" in the report regarding DDO's capabilities. Mr. Bush then flipped through the first 40 pages of the report and seemed to have absorbed its flavor. He appeared to agree with my comment that "the report was a useful and balanced look at the Directorate. I stated that he was welcome to look at our copy at any time.

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2. The second hour was spent with Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] led off with a description of the ways in which [redacted] seeks customer comment on our reporting. This was followed by [redacted] discussion of specific feedback from customers, largely in the military R&D field. The discussion was kept at the [redacted] level and no reference was made to anything of a higher classification. Mr. Bush appeared interested in this discussion and asked that our next session - to be held next week - be a continuation of the [redacted] presentation. Mr. Bush ended the meeting regretfully as he had to return to the Hill for a meeting with Congressman Burlison. He thanked all concerned and said the session had been useful to him.

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3. Following the meeting Messrs. [ ] and [ ] agreed that Mr. Bush had heard some revealing customer commentary but that it was impossible to determine how much he had absorbed of what he had heard. We agreed that our next session with him would start with a reprise of what had been gone over and would then continue into other discussions - still at or below the [ ] level.

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4. Mr. Bush is still thinking of his trip in either September or October and apparently continues

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